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Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

T H E C L A I M S

Independent claims 1 and 10-12 have been amended to clarify the content of the template images. That is, independent claims 1 and 10-12 have been amended to clarify that according to the present invention the template images have a blank space to be filled in by a user.

In addition, claim 11 has been amended to recite that the projecting device comprises a control unit, along the lines of the control unit recited in claim 10 (however, claim 11 does not recite a command reception unit).

Still further, the claims have been amended to make some additional minor clarifying amendments, and claims 2, 3 and 13 have been amended to better accord with their respective parent claims.

No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the claims be approved and entered.

THE PRIOR ART REJECTION

Claims 1-3 and 10-13 were rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by USP 7,001,024 ("Kitaguchi et al"). These rejections, however, are respectfully traversed with respect to the claims as amended hereinabove.

Kitaguchi et al discloses projecting a pattern onto an object, and capturing an image of the projected image, which includes distortions of the pattern caused by the (three-dimensional) object, to facilitate capturing a three-dimensional image. Thus, as recognized by the Examiner, Kitaguchi et al discloses projecting a stripe pattern to obtain information of a surface of an object as disclosed at column 10, lines 30-40. As also recognized by the Examiner, Kitaguchi et al discloses "template matching" to determine whether an object is a book at column 17, lines 31-46 (although it is respectfully pointed out that the "template" mentioned at column 17, lines 44-46 does not appear to be an image).

It is respectfully pointed out, however, that according to the present invention as recited in amended independent claims 1 and 10-12, the template image that is projected includes a blank space to be filled in by a user. Thus, with the structure and method of the present invention as recited in claims 1 and 10-12 a template image having a blank space to be filled in by a user may be projected to a screen, and an image of the screen (e.g.,

after the user has filled in information in the blank space) may be captured.

For example, the user of the present invention can write, using a felt pen, for example, characters or drawings on a whiteboard where the template image is projected, and an image of the whiteboard with the template image and writing can be captured.

It is respectfully submitted that Kitaguchi et al, which discloses projecting a pattern to an object, does not disclose, teach or suggest projecting a template image having a blank space to be filled in by a user. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Kitaguchi et al does not disclose, teach or suggest the features of the present invention as recited in amended independent claims 1 and 10-12.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 1 and 10-12, and claims 2-9 and 13 respectively depending from claims 1 and 12, all clearly patentably distinguish over Kitaguchi et al, under 35 USC 102 as well as under 35 USC 103.

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Entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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